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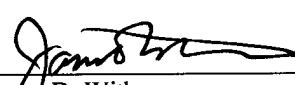
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed on August 2002, Applicants request further examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in light of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the specifications and claims as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph from page 7, line 26 to page 8, line 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, the curing rate of the epoxy-containing, photo-activated compositions is affected in several ways. For example, the curing rate for the adhesive layer and the bulk layer can be differentiated through the selection of the type of epoxy, the thickness of each layer, the activation source, components within the epoxy-containing compositions, cure kinetics, or combinations thereof. The components within the composition that are capable of affecting the curing rate would include photo-initiators,

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